

PERMELIA DARROW LOTT.

Biography from the Lehi Centennial History

Permelia Darrow Lott, daughter of Mary Ward and Joseph Darrow, and granddaughter of General Ward and Captain Darrow of Revolutionary times, was born at Bridgewater, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, Sunday, December 15, 1805.

She received her education from the best schools of the times, and afterward, prior to her marriage, she became a school teacher, riding horseback twenty miles to and from her work.

On April 27, 1823, she married Cornelius P. Lott; and with him joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in its infancy, and so suffered the hardships and persecutions of being driven from their homes with the heroes of that epoch.

They were the only members of their respective families to connect themselves with the Church, but they have left a large posterity to "rise up and call them blessed."

Father Lott and family were very warm friends and associates of the Smith family, especially the Prophet Joseph, as he had charge of the Church farm at Nauvoo and also held the same position in Utah after coming to Salt Lake City with Heber C. Kimball's company in the autumn of 1848. Their first home was where the Auerbach's new store now stands.

After her husband's death, which occurred July 6, 1850, she, with her family, moved to Lehi in the spring/ of 1851, where one daughter, Mrs. Abraham Losee, had preceded her. Her first home in Lehi was at the spring now owned by A. B. Anderson.

She was the mother of eleven children, five boys and six girls, all of whom have been pioneers in the true sense of the word. Grandma Lott, as an old lady, impressed one with her quiet dignity and sweet unassuming manners, and all who knew her loved her. She never sought publicity of any kind, but was ever ready with a helping hand for the sick or needy.

She died January, 1882, as she had lived, "faithful to her trust," at the age of 77 years and 18 days, and was carried to the Salt Lake cemetery and tenderly laid to rest by the side of her husband.

Following are the names of the children and those they married: Malissa (Ira Willes), John S. (Mary Faucet), Mary (Abraham Losse), Almira H. (John R. Murdock), Jane P. (Abram Hatch), Alzina L. (William S. S. Willes), Joseph' (died young). Amanda (died young), Peter L. (Sariah Snow), Cornelius (died young), Benjamin Smith (Mary A. Evans). All have passed to the other side except Benjamin S., the youngest, who will be 65 years old November 16, and is commonly known as Uncle Ben.